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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand that you will be deciding shortly on finalizing the terms of settlement reached in November with Microsoft. I want the Department of Justice to leave Microsoft alone. This antitrust lawsuit has been the biggest waste of time, has cost the taxpayers millions of dollars, and has negatively impacted the computer industry and the economy. Microsoft has been forced, at the vise of the competition, to defend their business practices, and battle to keep their innovative products and business intact.

With no foreseeable end to the litigation, Microsoft has agreed to satisfy demands made by the competition. The settlement is far more than fair to the competition. I don't feel Microsoft should have to give anything away, and certainly not forced to. I know Microsoft is sharing parts of its Windows programming to allow the computer manufactures to offer software programs other than Microsoft?s and users to make the operating system more changeable to their own preferences. I feel that these changes will produce even more superior products from Microsoft and give Microsoft more dominance in the software industry.

Whatever has to be done to return Microsoft back to business immediately is the right thing to do. Microsoft feels that settling this is the proper thing, and I entirely support this position. Microsoft has been treated terribly for giving the world Windows. There should be no further legal action taken against Microsoft. Accepting the terms of the Microsoft settlement is the only justifiable course of action.

Sincerely,

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